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SUBJECT: BILATERAL RELATIONS

1. IN RECENT CONVERSATION, ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON INFORMED AMBASSADOR SIDDIQI OF APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL 150,000 TONS OF PL 480 GRAIN, OUT OF 300,000 MORE BDG HAS REQUESTED. SIDDIQI EXPRESSED APPRECIATION BUT SAID BDG NEEDED ENTIRE 300,000. ATHERTON REPLIED THAT USG WOULD KEEP THE SITUATION UNDER REVIEW. SIDDIQI ALSO ASKED ABOUT THE BDG'S REQUEST FOR VEGETABLE OIL. BDG EMBASSY WAS SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED THAT THIS REQUEST WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION BUT AN EARLY REPLY WAS UNLIKELY DUE TO SUPPLY SHORTAGES IN U.1 .

2. WITH RESPECT TO THE BDG'S INTEREST IN A ZIA VISIT TO THE U-S., WHICH HAD EARLIER BEEN RAISED BY THE AMBASSADOR. ATHERTON NOTED THAT A REPLY HAD ALREADY BEEN GIVEN IN
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DACCA AND THAT IT DID NOT APPEAR POSSIBLE TO FIT SUCH A VISIT INTO THE PRESIDENT'S EXTREMELY CROWDED 1977 SCHEDULE, BUT WE WOULD KEEP POSSIBILITY IN MIND FOR THE FUTURE. AMBASSADOR ASKED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT IN JUNE WHEN ZIA EXPECTS TO VISIT LONDON FOR A COMMONWEALTH MEETING OR THIS FALL WHEN ZIA MAY ATTEND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3. ATHERTON REPLIED THAT JUNE WAS OUT OF THE QUESTION DUE TO THE SCHEDULE HERE. WE WOULD LOOK AT THE POSSIBILITY OF A MEETING IF ZIA CAME TO UNGA BUT IT NOT POSSIBLE TO GIVE ANY INDICATIONS NOW OF WHETHER THIS MIGHT BE FEASIBLE. CHRISTOPHER

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